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Timothy R. Hansen et al. : Group Art Unit: 2856

Serial No.: 10/073,207 : Examiner: Tamiko D. Bellamy

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## **AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the first Office Action dated June 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Specification amendments commence on page 2 herein; Claim amendments commence on page 4 herein; and A Remarks section commences on page 9 herein.